



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: OCTOBER 30, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's Coronavirus Information Hub at www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 151,741

[View the COVID-19 daily dashboard.](#)

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 314 (14 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 3.4 (past 14 days)

[Read the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health report.](#) The State weekly COVID-19 Health Report is now posted on Thursday to allow for more data analysis and information on COVID-19 clusters.

While Coronavirus case numbers are slightly higher in our community, in part due to increased testing, Wellesley remains in the green (low risk) category on the [COVID-19 community level data map](#). The Health Department is closely monitoring cases in neighboring communities which are reporting higher numbers and some moving into the yellow (moderate risk) category. The commitment by all residents to do their part and comply with all current restrictions, wear masks and face coverings, and practice social distancing, is helping keep our numbers low for now.

Wellesley Public Schools COVID-19 Case Tracking.

WPS is providing information on positive COVID-19 tests by school. This information is found on the [WPS website](#). Schools are also conducting [weekly surveillance testing](#) for staff, middle school and high school students.

Tips for a Safe Halloween and Thanksgiving.

State and local health officials continue to urge residents to follow all guidelines for safe family celebrations during [Halloween](#) and [Thanksgiving](#). Trick-or-treating in Wellesley is a family decision. Please follow current gathering size limits; opt for touch-free candy selection; and wear COVID masks under costume masks.

Anyone considering traveling during the Thanksgiving holidays should be aware of and follow the [Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Order](#).

November 3, 2020 Election.



Early in-person voting at the Tolles Parsons Center (500 Washington Street) ends today, October 30 at 4 p.m. Residents may continue to drop off ballots at the drop box in front of Town Hall until 8 p.m. on November 3. **PLEASE NOTE: The ballot drop box will be closed overnight on Halloween. It will reopen at 9 a.m. on November 1.** Ballots may also be returned by mail. They must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 6 to be included in the official Town count. On Election Day, voting locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Questions about voting? The Town Clerk's office has a list of [Election FAQs](#) to help explain the process to all voters, along with information on the in-person voting locations for November 3.

[Visit the Town Clerk webpages for complete Election 2020 information.](#)

125th Boston Marathon Postponed Until Fall 2021.

The [Boston Athletic Association](#) has postponed the 125th Boston Marathon until at least fall of 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. Road races are prohibited until Phase 4 of the Massachusetts Reopening Plan. No 2021 date has been selected.

Wellesley Salutes Veterans in November.



The Wellesley Celebrations Committee, American Legion Post 72, Veterans' Services office, and Select Board have planned a safe and socially distanced "*Salute to Veterans 2020*" event for our community. From November 5 through November 28, residents can view window displays on Washington Street, Church Street, and Central Street with World War II and other war memorabilia. Other activities include the Town's Annual Veterans' Day ceremony on November 11, a performance by the Boston Fireman's Band and Wellesley High School cheerleaders on November 14, and possible mobile movie nights. More details and a list of window locations [here](#).

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